

Remarks

In the office action mailed May 30, 2006, claims 1 - 7, 10, 12, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,991,551 (to Bacs, Jr. et al.); claim 9 was rejected under §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,021,005 (to Cathey, Jr. et al.); claims 18 and 19 were rejected under §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,575,193 (to Greivenkamp, Jr.)¹; claim 8 was rejected under §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,107,617 (to Love et al.); claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Bacs, Jr. et al.; claim 13 was rejected under §103(a) over Bacs, Jr. et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,453,844 (to George et al.); and claim 20 was rejected under §103(a) over Greivenkamp, Jr. in view of Love et al. Claims 16 and 17, however, were allowed.

Responsive to the office action, claims 1, 12 - 15 and 18 - 20 are cancelled, claims 2 - 4, 6 and 8 - 11 are amended to depend from claim 16, and new claims 21 - 23 are added. The new claims 21 - 23 include the feature of a first area for selectively refracting the input image only along a principle axis of refraction toward the image receiving unit.

Each of claims 2 - 11, 16, 17 and 21 - 23 is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance. Favorable action consistent with the above is respectfully requested.

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